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SUBJECT: PCI AND ITALIAN LABOR REACTIONS TO POLISH TRIALS

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1. DISSIDENT POLISH INTELLECTUALS HERE SAY THAT THE PCI COMMUNICATION TO THE PZPR WAS STIMULATED BY AN OPEN LETTER TO BERLINGUER HANDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS IN POLAND BY JACEK KURON. KURON IS A WELL-KNOWN DISSIDENT YOUTH LEADER WHO WAS JAILED FOLLOWING THE 1968 EVENTS AND HAS NOW BEEN SUMMONED FOR ARMY DUTY, SUPPOSEDLY IN ONE OF THE "SPECIAL UNITS" WHICH DO HARD LABOR AND ARE USUALLY RESERVED FOR DISCIPLINARY CASES AND TROUBLE-MAKERS. KURON ALLEGEDLY TOLD THE REPORTERS HE HAD A SERIOUS HEART CONDITION AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE IF ANTHING HAPPENED TO HIM DURING HIS ARMY DUTY. WE ARE TOLD THAT AT LEAST TWO OTHER YOUNG DISSIDENTS IN KRAKOW HAVE ALSO BEEN SUMMONED TO DUTY WITH "SPECIAL UNITS".

2. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE TEXT OF THE LETTER TO BERLINGUER AND DO NOT KNOW WHO SIGNED IT. WE ARE TOLD IT SEEKS THE INTERVENTION OF THE PCI AGAINST THE HARSH AND UNJUST TREATMENT OF THE CONVICTED STRIKERS AT URSUS AND IN RADOM. IT PROTESTS THE
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CLOSED TRIALS AND ALLEGES SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE

THAT SOME OF THE DEFENDENTS WERE SEVERELY BEATEN WHILE IN CUSTODY. (ONE SOURCE TELLS US THAT A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WERE QUESTIONED AND RELEASED FOLLOWING THE JUNE 24-25 EVENTS HAD TO BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO HOSPITALS.)

3. THE POLES HAVE HEARD THAT THE TEXT OF THE POLISH LETTER MAY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN PAESE SERA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION.

4. COMMENT. THE IDEA OF WRITING TO BERLINGUER ALLEGEDLY IS AN EFFORT BY DISSIDENTS HERE TO SEE WHETHER THERE IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO THE IDEAS OF EURO-COMMUNISM BRUIED ABOUT FOLLOWING THE ECPC. THEY APPEAR TO HAVE JUDGED CORRECTLY THAT THE PCI COULD NOT AFFORD TO IGNORE THEIR APPEAL ENTIRELY WITHOUT DAMAGING ITS CURRENT POSTURE OF INDEPENDENCE FROM MOSCOW. THE PCI AND CGIL-CISC-UIL INTERVENTIONS MAY PROVE MOST OPPORTUNE, SINCE WE ARE ASSURED ON ALL SIDES THAT THERE IS A VERY STRONG DIVISION OF OPINION IN THE PZPR LEADERSHIP OVER HOW BEST TO HANDLE THE DELICATE ISSUE OF THE CONVICTED PROTESTERS. END COMMENT.
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